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**Nov. 7
Glenn
Massay
Theater**

Smoke Free Campus Nov 19th!

All UAA campuses will be smoke/tobacco-free campuses as of Nov 19th. In April of 2014 students voted for a smoke/tobacco-free campus. This was recognized in December by the Board of Regents, who passed a smoke/tobacco free policy that

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Mat-Su's Super Students

Nicholas Philips & Michelle Sharpe

Picture it: It's the first day of classes and you walk through the front doors of Mat-Su College, mildly panicking due to the fact that you have 10 minutes and have no idea where SNOD 117 is located on campus. When you enter the school, the first thing you notice is a table set up, accompanied by a person with a badge that reads "Student Ambassador" who is in the process of pointing another lost student in the direction of her class. You automatically assume that the Student Ambassador is there to help you, and decide to ask them if they know where your engineering class is located. The Student Ambassador enthusiastically points you in the right direction. Throughout the year, you notice Student Ambassadors at different events,

such as the State Fair, Cookie Breaks, and the Fall/Spring Carnivals in the atrium. Who are these Student Ambassadors that are present and help out at every major event at MSC?

*The
Student
Ambassador
is there to
help you.*

The Mat-Su College Student Ambassadors are a select group of dynamic student leaders who facilitate student transition and retention by providing bridges for students to programs, resources, and engagement opportunities within the MSC community. Ambassadors weave meaningful connections and promote dialogue between students, administration, staff, faculty and our local community.

Now that you have an idea of what they do, turn to page 2 to find out more about this year's dynamic group of Student Ambassadors.

Heather's Top Eight Advice Bits for New and Returning Students

By Heather Deadmond

#1 READ THE SYLLABUS!!!

This one should be a given; your professors put time and effort into creating a good syllabus for your classes. Most times, you can usually find all of the required projects with their due dates for the whole semester in the syllabi.

Just read it. You'll be glad you did.

#2 Rent your textbooks

It's the age old college complaint: "Textbooks are ridiculously expensive," and they are. However, you can save yourself a boat load of money on your books by renting them. Amazon

and BookRenters.com are really great resources for this. Some books will be expensive no matter where you get them from, but it's much less painful paying \$30 to rent a book for a semester than to own it for \$200 and try to re-sell it when you're done with it.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 5-9:

Student Ambassadors will be gathering tips from students on how to succeed in college.

October 26-30:

Student Ambassadors will have a "Tips and Treats" stand and will hand out candy and college success tips.

October 26:

Spring 2016 schedule posted on UAOnline.

November 1:

Fall graduation application deadline due.

November 7:

Halloween Dance, Glenn Massay Theater.

November 11:

Spring 2016 Veterans Tribute: Flag Folding Ceremony & POW Presentation registration begins.

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Rachel Goodall



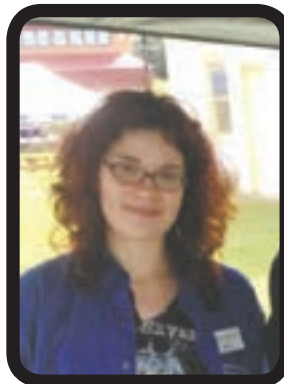
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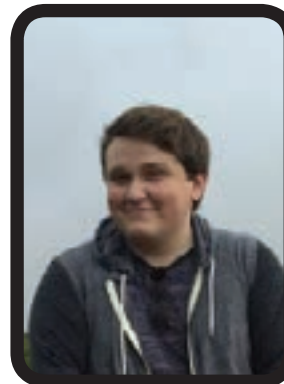
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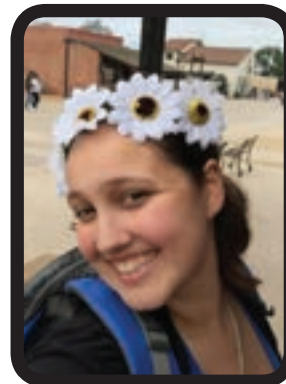
Margaret Koenemen



Nick Phillips



Michelle Sharpe



Degree:
General Studies

Interests: art, photography, sharing Iñupiaq and Alaska Native culture as a cultural ambassador.

Note: She gets her energy from beautiful pictures.

Degree:
Accounting

Enjoys: Hiking, exploring, travelling, flowers.

Goals: To be a helpful and encouraging student ambassador for students entering college and to help them succeed in their career goals.

Note: dresses to kill (seriously, her fashion sense is snappy).

Degree:
Business

Interests: playing guitar, bass, drums, and singing (these are also talents)

Goals: wants to open a record label one day.

Note: is really spider-man. Peter parker is only a decoy.

Extra note: music genre preferred is metal. All else is inferior.

Degree: Art
Interests: sea life, found-footage horror films, documentaries, character meta-analysis, trans-humanism, artistically rendered blood and gore, drawing self-indulgent things.

Goals: kickstart legacy project. Bigger fish to fry are becoming a head creative developer for video games, getting published as graphic novels, figuring out how to make a decent gluten, yeast, and egg-free pizza crust that doesn't taste like cardboard or feel like you're chewing putty.

Note: is slightly more optimistic than Daria Morgendorffer.

Degree:
General Studies

Interests: exploring Hatcher Pass and the natural wonders of Alaska, scouring Spotify, playing video games from the late 90s/early 2000s, and discovering new coffee creamer.

Goals: to contribute work and experience as a student on campus and as an ambassador to create a more positive and inclusive campus for all traditional and non-traditional students.

Note: is the coolest ambassador this year. Remember that.

Degree:
Biology

Interests: reading, writing, volunteering, working with kids, going on wacky adventures.

Goals: hopes to learn some valuable leadership and teamwork skills as a student ambassador. Life goals are to pursue a career in the medical field, live life to the fullest, and make parents proud.

Note: sometimes breaks out into song.

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Have you heard of the Mat-Su Math Club?

Perhaps you got to chuck a pie at your favorite professor during last April's Pi Day or played games with us at the State Fair? If not, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved in and show off your MSC math pride.

We are organizing several events on campus, and we need your help! We hope to build on the success of the Pi Day celebration that allowed us to raise money for MyHouse, a local charity helping at risk youth, while decorating our favorite faculty with whipped cream, and the math and science

day at this year's state fair. A carnival of games and a poker run is planned for Wednesday, October 28. The weeks leading up to Thanksgiving Day will see a food drive.

So come and plan with us. The Math Club meets every Friday in Snodgrass Hall 124 at 11:00am. Then, right after the weekly club meeting, join us for a mathematics study group for all levels at the Learning Resource Center in OLB 121, across from the library. Quality study time from 12:00 until 3:00pm is guaranteed to raise your scores.

Can't make it to the weekly study session before midterms? No worries! We got you covered with our ever popular Math Cram Jams with dates are set for Saturdays Oct. 17, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5 in the cafeteria. Come and study with us!

Finally, let's not forget about the Problem Set of the Week. Challenge questions are posted around campus. Give them a try! At the end of the semester we'll announce the top scores in the Monitor.

The Mat-Su Math Club

GET INVOLVED
WITH YOUR
STUDENT
GOVERNMENT
MEETINGS EVERY
WEDNESDAY
11:50 - 12:50.



Magic the Gathering

Mondays OLB214

11:30-3:00

Tuesday OLB 214

11:00-1:00

Alaska Native Culture Club

Mondays

11:50am to 12:50pm

FSM 200

*(upstairs, Art
Gallery)*

Dance Club

There will be showing a **FREE** movie celebrating dance during one of the darkest times in history.

Please Join us in the Glenn Massay Theater on Monday, October 12th from 2:30 - 5:00.



INTERNATIONAL CLUB

*Are you interested in International Studies?
Are you an international student?*

Join us in starting up the MSC International Club!

*If you would like to learn more, please contact Dr. Galina Peck.
Email: gpeck@mat-su.alaska.edu
Phone: 907-745-9734*



YOUR CLUB'S AD
COULD BE HERE!



CONTACT THE MAT-SU MONITOR
FOR MORE INFORMATION.

The Second King: Part Three of Seven

By Brian Conaway

[Editor's note: the previous installments of this riveting tale can be found in March and April 2015 issues of the Monitor, which are posted online at <http://matsu.alaska.edu/news/mat-su-monitor-newspaper/>]

Bennevon

236 B.W.C: Before War of Calamities

Red waves lapped against the ebony shore far below him. A familiar tolling in the distance drew his attention to the city around him; a murky silhouette as far as he could see. His feet were positioned upon a marble floor that was spider webbed with cracks. Save that, there was naught to be seen with determinate clarity. But he knew where he was: on the west facing balcony on the keep of Tual's Seat.

Baesbera, the City of Chimes.

Far away in the west was Organthia, her vertical peaks clawed for the shadowed moon that was glowing an ominous scarlet. Bennevon clutched the rail as storm clouds with bellies of fire loomed ever closer to the inland of the distant kingdom. The moon split into two, morphing from identical crescents into full circles without blemishes. They blinked and an enormous face could be seen around them. The face of the Colorless. Shadows danced along its bared teeth.

In a moment, Bennevon

watched himself flicker from where he stood to another land entirely. Monolithic fingers of rock a thousand feet tall blazed into an all-consuming inferno.

The Heights of Ehdunia.

Smoke rose to choke him and Bennevon watched again as he was whisked away onto a ship that was commanded by a gold man and flying the standard of... of...

He awoke at the braying of a horse. Benn grunted irritably. The last memory of his dream was fading with every passing instant. He tried to grasp it with finality, to comprehend it, but it escaped him, and he could no longer be certain.

Red waves. Judgment to fall on Organthia. Dreadful judgment.

And those eyes; he had heard the stories in his youth. They belonged to the One who was shackled with a chain that anchored him to the bottom of the world. *Sorcerion. What could this mean for Silvara? And how soon shall this come to pass?*

He had no doubt that it was anything but a premonition; the details were much too clear. Benn sincerely hoped that it would not come to occur in his day. *Let it be a century away. Two even. I would never wish such terror upon my children's hour. The world is too young.*

He had just returned from Baesbera and the heated debates of her Parliament. The western kingdoms were a mess. The

Highest Sovereign had denied having any association with the attempted coups within Silvara. So Tual had conducted a Phoenix's Trial: For the past three months, evidence from various sources were brought forward to bear testimony, personal and professional.

Tual had witnessed a similar string of coups as Silvara, and that seemed evidence enough to hold Organthia's Highest Sovereign guilty and thus hand him over to the Builen themselves. Unfortunately, any physical evidence had been cleverly erased, so suspicion was the consensus within Tual's Parliament, and for Benn. So they had dispersed, and Organthia was deemed guiltless of having practicing sorcery or condoning it.

But Benn made his own conclusions at Tual, and shared them freely with her king: "If purple eyes it wears, let all other eyes beware. Cunning as a viper, they are, and deadly as well. Be wary, Your Majesty."

So trade was halted with Organthia until Tual was granted immunity to search their Seat for any evidence. Surely the

pluralistic cesspool of Ehdunia would yield some manner of convicting evidence. It was too weighty a matter to discard so soon. *And it will be weightier still when the dragons get involved.*

It was then that Benn had discerned it the time to return to Silvara. Three months had darkened him, as he had anticipated, and he had shaved frequently to better appeal to the debaters at Parliament. A man with a beard was a wild man in their eyes; and appearing unsophisticated to them was the last concern Benn needed added to his long list.

He was at the Keep of Wind-cross, on the island between Silvara and Tual's mainlands, though closer to Silvara; he could see the western port city of Galos from his eastern facing window. The castle was walled in by a ring of stone and had a tower in each cardinal direction and a trebuchet mounted on the two turrets between them. An outer wall was a half circle around the western side that left only a small strip of land available to attackers—pirates usually, though Benn wondered how soon that might change. All

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YOUR STORY COULD BE HERE!

Write an interesting paper for a class? Experience something on campus that you want to share with others? Have a strong opinion about an issue? Just want to share a poem or short story? Now any student can submit content through the Monitor's webpage! Just Search "Monitor" on the college website to find it.

Microsoft Office, for Free

By Art Corvelay

As a student affiliated with a UAA campus, you have free access to Microsoft's Office 365 website.

Office 365 offers browser-based versions of some the popular Office programs: Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. These lack a few features found in their desktop counterparts, but make up for that by saving your files to "the cloud" and by allowing multiple users to simultaneously edit the same document.

Better still, Office 365 users have the option to install the full versions of Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Simply sign into Office 365 and click the "Install Now" button.

You can access Office 365 by visiting <https://portal.office.com> and signing in with your UA username followed by @ua.alaska.edu.

Students who want a free, no-strings-attached office suite that will be available long past their graduation should look at LibreOffice (<https://www.libreoffice.org/>).

Math Cram Jam

**The Math Department
invites students to study
with faculty.**

Saturdays

Oct 17, Nov 7, Dec 5

9:00 - 2:00

***HAVE SOME QUESTIONS? TRY ONE OF
MAT-SU COLLEGE'S LEARNING SERVICES.***

MSC LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER*

OLB 121 745-9772 <http://matsu.alaska.edu/offices/the-learning-center/tutoring/>

WRITING

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9:00 - 5:00

Thursdays 10:00 - 4:00

MATH

Mon / Wed 9:00-5:00

Tues / Thur 9:00- 5:30

Fri 10:00-3:00

Sat 12:00-3:00

ASL

Mondays & Wednesdays 2:00 - 4:00 FSM 205

***Tutoring is available only for students enrolled n MSC courses
Hours are subject to change Tutors available Sept 24 - Dec 11**

Online Tutoring:

UAA Consortium Library 1pm-midnight.Limited hours per student.

Alaska State Library provides the Live Homework Hotline at tutor.com/alaska from 1pm-2am

www.tutor.com/military for military families who qualify

Khan Academy: Videos (math, science, economics, history) <http://www.khanacademy.org/>

Foreign Language: <http://libraries.mangolanguages.com/alaska/start> (includes English)

Writing: <http://writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/index.html>

http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/rules7e/#t_669460

<http://www.paperrater.com/>

<http://blog.apastyle.org/apastyle/>

tutor.com



Live Homework Help

By Art Corvelay

It's 12:41 AM. Empty energy drink cans and candy bar wrappers litter your desk. You've just finished the last sentence of the last paragraph of your big paper – the one due at 9:00 AM. You hoped to get one of the college's Learning Resource Center's English tutors to read over it, but now it's too late. You're SOL.

Or maybe not.

Turns out all Alaska residents are eligible for live homework help through an online service called Tutor.com. These tutors can help with subjects ranging from Calculus to World History and nearabout anything in-between.

Using Tutor.com's services couldn't be

easier. Just go to www.tutor.com/alaska, pick a subject, and then click "Connect Now." Within moments you will be able to chat with a real tutor; you can even share files for them to review or draw on a virtual whiteboard.

Still not convinced? Here's a few more selling points. Tutors are available from *every day of the week* from noon to 2 AM (goodbye, pants). The website actually works well. Tutoring is available to students from kindergarten to college. (Now somebody else can help your kids with their homework.) It's entirely free.

Convinced now? Good. Just don't forget about the college's Learning Resource Center; its tutors aren't available until 2 AM, but they're nice people all the same.

MAT-SU MONITOR CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

ATTENTION CREATIVE WRITERS!!!

The Mat-Su Monitor is proud to announce its first ever Creative Writing Contest. There will be prizes awarded to the best short story, and the two best poems submitted. The winner's will be announced on Halloween, and will be published in the November 1st issue of the Mat-Su Monitor.

Deadline: OCTOBER 12

Rules

- Any short story or poem that is submitted must contain fall or Halloween related themes. All genres are welcome.
- All works must be appropriate to be published (No profanity or suggestive content).
- Short stories must have a length of no more than 2,000 words (No longer than 4 pages)
- Poems must be no longer than one page (If poems are lengthy, change page format to allow columns).
- All writers must provide contact information and a letter of consent to publish their work upon submission

Send submissions to Micah Muer at mwmuer@matsu.alaska.edu by 11:59 pm October 12th. Late entries will not be accepted.

Have any questions? Contact Michelle Sharpe at mjsharpe@alaska.edu or Micah Muer at mwmuer@matsu.alaska.edu.

Good Luck everyone! Happy Writing!



Student Show

This show will feature art work from students enrolled in Art courses during the Fall 2015 semester.

Submission:

Nov. 30-Dec. 4

Show:

Nov.11 – Dec. 5, 2015

The Arctic Dragon Contest

Submit a 2-D or 3-D representation of the Arctic Dragon, the Mat-Su College mascot, by 12/8/15. Submissions can be any medium and all residents of the Mat-Su Valley are welcome to participate in this contest. The submissions will be displayed at Mat-Su College from Dec. 9- Jan. 15 in FSM 200.



Misty Vanlue



Tony Renald

Meet Mary Sagal

Assist. Professor of College Prep & Devlp. Studies

Before coming to Alaska Professor Sagal taught for seven years at the Gonzaga University. When asked what brought her to the Mat-Su College, she explained, "I am a dog musher and as much as I loved teaching at Gonzaga, it's much easier to have a dog mushing lifestyle in Alaska, and the valley is an excellent place for mushers." She chose the Mat-Su campus because of its location.

Professor Sagal is currently a Ph.D. candidate in English, with an emphasis on composition and rhetoric. She will began her third year of a five year program next summer. This includes three years of course work, one year of research,

and one year to write up that information into a dissertation. In addition, her education includes an M.F.A. in Creative Writing, an M.S. Agricultural Journalism (natural resources option), a B.S. in Natural Resources, and a Certificate of Completion at Inland Massage Institute.

Question: Do you subscribe to grade inflation?

Professor Sagal: No! I am aware of grade inflation: I do not believe in it. All the

Professor Sagal was constantly looking for ways to reach her students and capitalize on their capacity to learn.

instructors here at the Mat-Su campus in the English department work hard to make sure this does not happen. This is done not to be mean; rather it is done for the student to get the maximum value out of the class. I hold my students to high standards. I want my students to leave the class better writers than when they first walked in. This is done in order to prepare them to write well in other disciplines as well as for the real world.

Q: What is the most rewarding aspect of your profession?

PS: The most rewarding aspect of teaching is when I see that light bulb go off in my students. It's that aha moment, when you see somebody go oh I get it. It's that feeling when I have helped someone understand something.

Q: What is the number one obstructive behavior in the class room?

PS: It's not cell phones, they are on my syllabus, and at the beginning of each class I make it clear the use of cell phones will unnecessarily distract the classroom. The number one obstructive behavior is when one student talks over another student or the instructor and even this is rare

Q: Where do you think English classes will be in twenty years from now?



PS: There will be more emphasis on in class writing. For example, in one of my classes this last summer I had to create a podcast and a web page. It will be the use of these digital tools and the rapid influences of technology that will change the future of English classes.

As a student reporter and as a former student who has successfully completed 12 credits with Professor Sagal it was clear from the start I would have to earn the grades necessary to pass her classes. I learned this was not done to be mean; this was done because she wanted me and all of her students to become better writers. During those four semesters Professor Sagal was constantly looking for ways to reach her students and capitalize on their capacity to learn. I can see why Professor Sagal won honors seven years in a row and was named an influential faculty member in an annual survey completed by students graduating from Gonzaga University. During this interview, Professor Sagal made one thing crystal clear: she is a writer!

Smoke Free Campus

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will come into full effect Nov 19th. All campuses are to be smoke/tobacco-free (this includes e-cigarettes) no later than Dec 1st, 2015.

A booth in the Atrium is open to help inform students of the dangers of smoking and provide resources to help those who wish to quit smoking. Students and faculty are

recommended to go to the smoke-free booth in the Atrium to get information on the policy and the regulations that go along with it.



Seasons Change

by KB Holbrook

The changing of seasons from summer to fall is abrupt in Alaska. Friday you could be enjoying a beautiful sunny day lakeside with an ice cold beverage. Then Monday morning finds you scraping ice off your windshield. The seasons also change in the lives of students and employees at Mat-Su College. A rather large change in faces has occurred in Student Services over the last few months. Three long-term student workers moved on as one graduated and two others moved into the final semesters of fieldwork for their programs. We have also seen a cascading of staff; we have said goodbye to old members of our team, welcomed new members and have seen roles change. Though sometimes bittersweet, things like graduation, advancement, and retirement are all seasons of life.

This fall, I am happy to announce I will be

serving MSC Student Services as the new Career Counselor. I have been working at MSC for 2 years and am excited for this new role. This fall I have already helped place student interns, administered multiple career assessments, and provided career guidance to MSC students. I'm eagerly looking forward to assisting students with resume writing, interview preparation, and job hunting.

Though summer ends too fast, change also brings many things we look forward to. I personally will be looking forward to traditions such as carving Halloween pumpkins, skating on frozen lakes, and writing the career development column for the Mat-Su Monitor! This year I plan to write on such topics as, how to choose a profession, taking career assessments, how to leave a job, and how to negotiate salary (I am also open

to requests). For now though, my hope for you, our students, is that you can find balance as we start a new semester. Fall is my favorite time of year, and I know all too well how easy it can be to put off until tomorrow what should have been done today.

There is an urgency to cram outdoor activities into the dwindling window of opportunity, summer job positions can offer extensions into the fall, and we are compelled to catch up with friends returning from summer trips. These things are important to nurture our physical, financial, and social wellbeing. But I promise, finding the right balance between "other things" and school will be good for your emotional wellbeing. And that is not something you want to overlook.

GAIN ENERGY & FEEL STRONGER

Thinking about how to begin a fitness routine? Good for you! These days, leading an active lifestyle is more important than ever. Regular exercise helps you maintain health, boost energy, and improve confidence.



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Sharpe's Halloween/Fall Movie Recommendations

Greetings avid movie watchers. 'Tis that time of year again. The time when everybody is in the mood for three things: Pumpkin Spice, Apple Pie, and spooky movies. Unsure what you should watch? Fear not. As always, I have compiled a list of movies that I have seen, loved, and highly recommend.

1: Evil Dead 2/Evil Dead 3: Army of Darkness (R)- Listen, if you haven't seen any of the Evil Dead movies, now is the time to change that. Starz has a sequel series coming out on Halloween called Ash Vs. Evil Dead. The premise of these movies is simple: Ash (Bruce Campbell) is looking to have a nice, quiet time at a secluded cabin, in the woods, with his girlfriend. Some ancient passages are accidentally recited, some people get brought back from the dead, some people travel back in time, shenanigans ensue.

Definitely a classic and a must watch.

2: Hocus Pocus (PG) Any person alive in the 90's knows how awesome this movie (starring Bette Midler) is. It's a tale about how a teenage boy, his little sister, and his high school crush unwittingly bring three witches back from the dead. These are not ordinary witches, though. They are singing, devil worshipping witches, who feast on the young in order to gain their youth. This is a kid movie, I swear! There's a talking cat and everything!

3. The Adams Family (PG) - They're creepy and they're spooky, they're sometimes cooky. But what else can you expect from The Adams Family? One thing's for certain, this is a great family movie that is funny and heartwarming. What else can you possibly want from a Halloween movie?

4. Donnie Darko (R) - Are you in the mood for a movie that requires multiple

viewings and will confuse everybody in the room? Do you like your movies disturbing and weird? Donnie Darko is your kind of movie.

5: Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) - Nothing that I can say would adequately describe Rocky Horror Picture Show. Imagine that if Victor Frankenstein created a really good looking creature and named him Rocky. Oh, and Frankenstein was a "Sweet Transvestite" who was also the leader of a group of other people from a different planet. Oh, and for some reason he invited two scared strangers into his house to witness his creation but refuses to let them borrow a phone. Throw in an impromptu cameo from Meatloaf and that is this movie... It's also a musical.

6. Young Frankenstein (PG) - From the mad genius Mel Brooks comes the story of Victor Frankenstein's grandson (Gene Wilder) as he attempts to recreate the experiment that made his grandfather so infamous.



If you are a fan of wacky humor or Mel Brooks, watch this movie.

7. Pet Semetary (R) - No, I didn't spell that incorrectly. Stephen King just wanted it that way. This horror movie has it all: Ghosts, reanimated corpses, Indian Burial grounds, creepy pets, creepy kids, and gore.

8. Halloween (R) - I have a hard time believing that anyone had lived their lives without watching this movie, but just in case, let me explain. Jamie Lee Curtis gets to babysit on Halloween and has to deal with a guy who enjoys breaking and entering, stealing masks, scaring teenagers, before promptly impaling said

teenagers with a knife all the while piano plays in the background; Basically the average Halloween right?

Now, if you are not in the mood for a movie, may I recommend a couple of TV shows?

Twin Peaks (1990) - When a teenage girl is brutally murdered, the lives of the inhabitants of Twin Peaks are turned upside down. Luckily, Detective Cooper (Kyle MacLachlan) is on the case.

Supernatural (2005) - Supernatural is always a great choice for people who are looking for something creepy to watch.

New Movies to the Mat-Su College Library by Michelle Sharpe

Did you miss some movies at the theater last year? Fear not, here are just some of the new titles that the library has acquired this past month.

The Guest (Dan Stevens) : (R)

A Walk Among the Tombstones (Liam Neeson) : (R)

Nightcrawler (Jake Gyllenhaal) : (R)

The Theory of Everything (Edie Redmayne) : (PG-13)

John Wick (Keanu Reeves) : (R)

Whiplash (J.K. Simmons) : (R)

Big Hero Six : (PG)

Gone Girl (Ben Affleck) : (R)

The Railway Man (Colin Firth) : (R)

These titles are all now available at the library for anyone with a library card. Come on by and check them out!

Ask Sophia

Welcome to Ask Sophia, the Mat-Su Monitor's regular advice column. If you have a question you'd like to see answered, email it to sophia@matsu.alaska.edu or submit it in the Ask Sophia box in the FSM front lobby.



Q. Dear Sophia: What kind of breath weapon do you use to smite your enemies?

A. Dear Friend: I do not need my breath (which smells delightful, by the way), to defer my enemies. Knowledge is all I need to put any foe in its place.

Q. Dear Sophia: I really like my best friend but she is in a relationship. She's expressed liking me back recently. What should I do? - Mr. Ombre

A. Dear Side Lover: It's not a matter of what you should do; it's a matter of what your friend should do. She needs to be honest with you, herself, and the person she is in a relationship with. If she truly likes and respects you, she'll do the right thing. Otherwise, you might find it in your best interest to like someone else that is willing to be with you completely, without the love triangle.

Q. Dear Sophia: What is the best way to kill a fish after you catch it?

A. Dear Fishy Fellow: Perhaps we should place the word "humane" between "best" and "way". Through my experiences in Alaska, I've seen that the most humane way to kill a fish is to execute a quick blow to the head once it is deemed catchable. This ensures that the fish doesn't have to endure a long duration of pain or discomfort.

Q. Dear Sophia: I am very handsome and young but I still can't get girls or guys to like me. Is it possible I am too handsome? Do my good looks menace people? I hate talking to people honestly. What can I do? Is my love life doomed?

A. Dear Hopelessly Handsome: Looks can only get you so far. It seems that a big problem for you may be your lack of honest dialogue with people. How you choose to speak can ultimately decide on whether a girl or boy would want to have legitimate interest in you. I'm sure if you can develop honest conversation skills – and present your alleged handsomeness and youthfulness – you will receive a copious amount of attraction from others.

Q. Dear Sophia: I had a relationship with a guy end on a bad note almost two years ago. I hope he and I could be friends again, though, since he and I see each other at the college. What could I do to get my friend back after an awkward end to our romantic relationship? -Sally missing Jack

A. Dear Sally: They say time heals all wounds. Give him time. Keep your mutual friends as a buffer. As you move on with your lives you may find that you both become more comfortable being around each other.

LESSER KNOWN IMPS AND DEMONS

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ALIRPAK

CCUUX

CETAENI

DOTSON

GUNAKADEIT

ILLIE

KAKA

KEELUT

KOLENI

NIKILEENA

NUSGUQA

QALUPALIK

SAYHANI

TCETIN

THUNDERBIRDS

TIZHERUK

TSELENI

TULUKARUG



CRYPT-A-QUOTE

One letter stands for another in this example the letter B stands for the letter A so all the Bs stand for the letter A, Ds stand for C, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, and word length are all clues. Here's how it works: A R C T I C D R A G O N
is B S D U J D E S B H P O

SL SD PHEHT LVV JRLH LV GH ZIRL FVQ

BSOIL IREH GHHP -- OHVTOH HJSOVL

The Second King

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ships entered in by the north or south harbors.

Bells were sounding, so a ship was arriving this moment, and that had caused the horse to bray noisily and wake the king. A rap on the door brought him to his feet and into his robe.

“What?” he asked the knight at the door. *Why a knight?*

“Sire, a ship from Mariador has requested your presence. They are here on urgent business concerning—*Aermenos!*”

Benn clenched his teeth. This couldn’t be good whenever the homeland of the troublesome Giants was whispered through the quavering lips of a Silvaren knight.

“Very well, have them ready their sails at once so I might consult with the *Zalk* personally. Silvara will have to wait a little longer for her king, I suppose. *Sweet Elenyah, I fear our dance must wait a while longer. Take care of Jes.*

“They have longboats, sire, they do not fly sails. Theirs is a secret errand.”

“Why the secrecy?”

“Mariador is under attack, Your Majesty. The ships are bound for *Aermenos* itself.”

“For what reason?”

“Because there’s no getting into Mariador from the south. The king is holding the *Zalk* hostage at the cliffs between the two kingdoms. The four arrivals are members of the *Zalkhousa*, his

Guard. They have authority from the Warden of the East to slay King Kuzuhhukkani and prevent a full scale war.”

“A full scale war might be the one thing this world needs,” Benn muttered, “Then we would know who is on whose side. But for now, I will abide by the desire of the Builen. I am not so old that I cannot slay a Giant. Still, it would be nice to have had the practice.”

This October: Benn races against time, Giants, and a nameless force that seeks to ignite a full scale war. The Second King struggles to comprehend the glimpses of what appears to be a bleak world that he is seeing in his dreams. Meanwhile, farther north, a Hunt begins.

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Student Bits

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#3 Read the chapter you’ll be learning about before class.

Speaking of textbooks, it’s a good idea to actually use them, even if you’re not using it in class. If your professor has assigned readings, or they are going in chapter order for lectures, it will help you in the long run to read whatever chapter you’ll be studying in class ahead of time.

#4 Get involved!

I know, this is what everyone says, but it’s true. Taking the time to attend campus events and getting to know your fellow students will not only help you with networking for the future, but also help you get to know your school and the people who run it. There are clubs to join, events to attend, and shows to see, so get going!

#5 Invest in a 5-subject notebook

Have you ever brought the wrong notebook to a class? Or forgotten it completely? I have done both of these things, and it saves me a whole lot of frustration to buy a 5-subject notebook. They are a little more expensive than individual notebooks, so it might not be a good resource if you are only taking one or two classes. It is very helpful when you’re studying somewhere other than your home, because everything from all of your classes is all in one place, so you never have to worry about taking the wrong notebook to a class again.

It also makes your backpack a lot lighter, and roomier.

#6 Don’t be afraid to ask questions

Whether it be from your professors or fellow students, most people are willing to help out when you don’t know what to do. Asking questions in class will help you learn the material better than trying to figure it out on your own. It’s also a good idea to ask for some tips from the more seasoned students on APA format and other things that new students sometimes have a hard time picking up.

#7 Study/ Do homework while you’re still on campus.

We all know we don’t get as much work done at home as we plan. There’s family and pets around making noise, Netflix to be watched, dinner to be made, and homework often gets pushed to the side. It may be a drag to sit down and do your homework right after classes, but it’s so worth it to go home and relax afterward. ☺

#8 Utilize library resources

The library is full of books that can help you with your assignments, as well as a computer lab with a printer and copier to get work finished. There are always helpful librarians that can help you find what you’re looking for. ☺



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